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Reference:	<u>Project</u>	<u>Location</u>
	Malden River Ecosystem Restoration Project	Malden, Everett and Medford, MA

Mr. John R. Kennelly
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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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Concord, MA 01742-2751

Dear Mr. Kennelly:

This is in response to your letter requesting a final Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act report in relation to the Malden River Ecosystem Restoration Project in Malden, Everett and Medford, Massachusetts. The project's primary objectives are to reduce negative impacts to water quality; to restore riverine migratory corridors; to reduce negative impacts caused by sediment quality; the restoration of degraded benthic habitat; and the enhancement or restoration of freshwater wetlands.

Endangered Species Comments

Based on information currently available to us, no federally-listed or proposed, threatened or endangered species or critical habitat under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) are known to occur in the project area. Preparation of a Biological Assessment or further consultation with us under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act is not required.

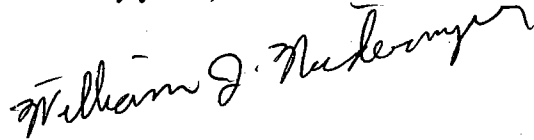
This concludes our review of listed species and critical habitat in the project location and environs referenced above. No further Endangered Species Act coordination of this type is necessary for a period of one year from the date of this letter, unless additional information on listed or proposed species becomes available.

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Comments

Based on our review of the information provided, we have no objection to this project with regard to the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act. Accordingly, these comments do not preclude future evaluation and recommendations by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, pursuant to the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401; 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.), should project conditions change.

Thank you for your coordination. Please contact us at 603-223-2541 if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William J. Neidermyer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

William J. Neidermyer
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